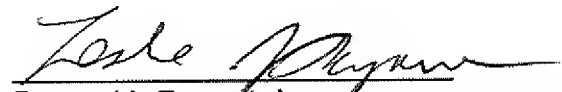


REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 1, 4, and 7 have been cancelled and claims 2 and 8 have been amended to substantially include the limitations of claim 4. Claims 3, 5, and 6 have been amended to change their dependencies. Accordingly, no estoppel should be deemed to be associated with this amendment.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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